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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Species B(i), drawn to a prosthesis frame. Claims 1-9, 11-16, 31-45 and 75 read on Species B(i). Applicant also notes that elected independent Claims 1, 31 and 75 and many of the subsequent dependent claims are generic to several other species, including Species U, V, W and X. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of these species with the elected claims. The present election is being made without traverse.

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